

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Edwards for the telephonic interview held April 5, 2007 and for the agreement and efforts to work together and for achieving compact prosecution in this case.

Claims 29-55, 62-71, and 103-108 are presently pending in this application.

Claims 1-28, 56-61, 72-102, and 109-112 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 38 has been amended. Claims 38-51, and 65 were allowed in the previous Office Action. In the previous Office Action it was also noted that claims 53-55 and 58 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 29, 38, 39, 40, 62, 65, and 69 are independent claims. Applicant would also like to thank Examiner Edwards for the written Interview Summary mailed on April 18, 2007, which accurately represents the agreement reached.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. Section 112

Claims 29-71, 96, and 101-112 were rejected under 112, second paragraph as being unduly multiplied. In light of the telephonic interview and the changes noted above, that rejection has been rendered moot and/or withdrawn.

Remaining Claim Rejections

Of the remaining independent claims, only claims 29, 62, and 69 have not been allowed. Applicant addressed the rejections pertaining to those independent claims in

the Amendment and Response to Second Office Action dated September 14, 2006, which is hereby incorporated by reference. It appears those independent claims and accompanying remarks were not substantively reviewed in the prior action. For the reasons presented in the Response dated September 14, 2006, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding rejections or objections have been addressed and are now either overcome or moot. Applicant further submits that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art made of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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